



Postsecondary Education NEWS FROM FRANKFORT

News Update from the Council on Postsecondary Education

House to vote on budget next week

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee is scheduled to complete budget revisions this week. The budget will move to the full House for a vote Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The House budget then goes to the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee for consideration. The Council's analysis of the House budget will be available in [the legislative session section of the Council Web site](#) early next week.

Kentucky named as leader in postsecondary goal-setting

Kentucky is one of the nation's two best states in setting measurable goals for its public postsecondary education system, according to a report released in February by Jobs for the Future, a Boston non-profit group devoted to education and economic issues. *By the Numbers: State Goals for Increasing Postsecondary Attainment* cited Kentucky and Texas as models for comprehensive and creative approaches to increasing attainments in postsecondary education. To download a copy of the full report, [visit the Council Web site](#).

Council president meets with U.S. Senators

Council president Tom Layzell met with the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions February 16 in Washington D.C. to participate in a roundtable discussion entitled *Competitiveness: Building and Filling the Pipeline*. The committee, chaired by Senator Michael B. Enzi of Wyoming, invited Layzell to discuss Kentucky's efforts to create a seamless education system through partnerships between the P-12 and postsecondary communities. To view a copy of Dr. Layzell's remarks to the committee, [visit the Council Web site](#).

Southern Governors' Association to support Kentucky public outreach efforts

Kentucky is one of nine states to receive a grant from the Southern Governors' Association to support a public outreach initiative aimed at helping more students complete high school ready for college and work. The SGA grant is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The project, *Education in the South — A Passport to Opportunity*, will provide the Council on Postsecondary Education with technical assistance over two years to develop outreach efforts. To view the complete news release, [visit the Council Web site](#).

Council launches college access initiative to increase college-going

The Council on Postsecondary Education launched a college access initiative in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* February 24 focused on increasing postsecondary enrollment in Kentucky. The *Think Again* initiative will highlight messages on financial aid, online learning, and college-going in general over the next few months. The initiative consists of a series of full page ads in the *Courier-Journal* and online banner ads on the paper's Web site. February's ads encourage prospective college students to complete financial aid applications prior to the March deadline. To view a copy of the first two ads, [visit the Council Web site](#).



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COUNCIL CALENDAR

- ◆ CPE Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.
March 8, 2006
- ◆ CPE Meeting
10:00 a.m.
March 24, 2006

Both meetings will be in Meeting Room A of the Council offices in Frankfort. Agendas will be posted online prior to the meetings. For directions, please [visit the Council Web site](#).

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